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P R E F A C E

Have you seen the Alberta Government pamphlet? It is called "The Records Tell the Story". You should have one. It was paid for out of your taxes.

We like the title. For the pamphlet not only tells the story—and it is a tall one—which the authors would have us believe, but it tells other stories, even more clearly, which its authors do not want us to know. One story which it reveals is that political propaganda issued by a party in power and paid for out of the public treasury is a thoroughly Nazi practice unknown in British countries until the advent of the Aberhart government.

"The Records Tell the Story" makes much of the old adage that the "Truth Will Make You Free" and professes to be telling the truth. The purpose of this pamphlet is to reply and in doing so to give the proof that "The Records Tell the Story" does not tell the truth, but that the official records to which it sends us for verification says the very opposite in some important instances to that which is claimed by the publication in question. Is it because the Government knows that 99 per cent of the electorate will never see the official record and therefore will never verify the "story" that it has permitted so many falsehoods to be published?

NOTE: Some of the figures used in this issue apply to the first edition of "The Records Tell the Story", which has been withdrawn by the Government because of our exposure of its falsehoods.

THE RECORDS AND THE STORY—

"The Records Tell the Story" is **FREE**, but if you want to verify its claims to truth by comparison with the public accounts as you are asked to do, the public accounts will cost you \$1.25 for each year.

How many people will personally check the pamphlet figures with that of the official records?

**The Records Tell a Story, but that Story
does not tell the records.**

Social Credit Government Barren of Results

Mr. Aberhart came to power because of promises that no person would resist if there was a chance in a thousands of having them fulfilled.

But of all the glowing promises made, Mr. Aberhart has not kept one promise.

His promises were attractive because the people were poor and oppressed.

His promises were believed because he professed to be a man of God.

**But the people of Alberta have been
fooled.**

**No public man ever
promised as much.**

**No government ever
failed so utterly to
keep its promises.**

A Promising Government

We can recall the promises but we were not permitted to recall those who made them but failed to keep them.

Cultural Heritage

Mr. Aberhart said April 30th, 1935—

“Behind the dividends stands all the natural resources of Alberta. They can be monetized if necessary and the dividends paid in cash.”

Page 13, Social Credit Manual says—

“Social Credit claims that this cultural heritage is the property of the individuals who are bona fide citizens of our province and should never be allowed to go entirely to the control of any small group of men.”

A promise of \$25.00 a month is Social Dynamics with a vengeance.

What are the the Results?

**THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARE NOT
THE PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE.
THEY HAVE NOT BEEN MONETIZED
AS A CULTURAL HERITAGE.**

On the Contrary

The Big Shots got more of our natural resources or more of our cultural heritage from the Social Credit Government than from any other government in Alberta. According to the government's own figures in "The Records Tell the Story", pages 35 to 38—

The Big Shots got 5,478,289 more barrels of oil in 1938 than they got in 1935;

And 1,275,286 more acres of oil lands in 1938 than they got in 1935.

The Big Shots also got our salt deposits and our tar sands from the Social Credit government.

No wonder we did not get the promised dividends, since that which was "behind the dividends", the real natural wealth of the province, was given away to the Big Shots.

Aberhart said on June 15th, 1935—

"A man from Turner Valley was telling me that there was enough wealth in the Valley to supply our basic monthly dividends for years to come."

Through Aberhart's spineless action there is much less wealth in the Valley now than when he took over, but not one dividend has been paid except to the Big Shots.

More Promises

The Social Credit Manual, page 13, says—

“The cultural heritage is made operative by the regular issuance of dividends from month to month. . . Each citizen will receive a pass-book in which at the beginning of each month will be entered the basic dividend for that month—say \$25.00.”

Again the same authority on page 15 says—

“Our bona fide consumers **will at once have purchasing power amounting to \$10,000,000 dividends**, and probably in addition of \$20,000,000 salary, wages and commissions.”

THINK OF THAT!
A \$30,000,000 promise.

Again from the Social Credit Manual—page 19:

“Basic dividends should be \$25.00 a month for every bona fide citizen, male or female. Children of bona fide citizens sixteen years old will receive \$5.00 a month. Those seventeen and eighteen years old will receive \$10.00 a month. Those nineteen years of age \$15.00 and those twenty years of age \$20.00.

Again on page 31 (bribes still going up):

“Four hundred thousand people at \$25.00 a month would amount to \$120,000,000 per year.”

To stimulate enthusiasm he boldly raised the ante. A \$120,000,000 ! ! ! This was indeed a promise worthy of a prophet.

What Were the Results?

WHO GOT THE DIVIDENDS?

Did the bona fide citizens all get dividends?

No!

Who did get dividends?

Those who own the oil and power of the province all got dividends.

WHO ELSE GOT DIVIDENDS?

Mr. Wm. Aberhart, B.A., since elected got ..	\$50,656.40
Mr. Manning since elected got	37,840.71
Mr. Fallow since elected got	41,165.41
Mr. Low since elected got	31,026.31
Mr. Tanner since elected got	33,773.19
Mr. Mullen since elected got	29,025.93
Mr. Maynard since elected got	34,391.49
Mr. Cross since elected got	38,757.45
Ministers deposed	49,567.11
First three years travelling expenses	18,524.04

Grand total of dividends to cabinet\$364,730.94

**How much shot makes a man a
Big Shot?**

DID YOU GET YOUR PASS-BOOK?

No! you got the pass-by or the Go-by.

But the cabinet got their pass-books, and there were \$364,730.94 of credits in them too.

Smaller Fry get dividends—Members of the Legislature and executive council got \$208,084.02 in 1939, or a dividend over 1935 of \$34,681.36.

Salaries and travelling expenses paid to civil servants in 1939—1400 of whom were government pets—amounted to \$3,833,986.20 or a dividend over 1935 of \$583,882.42.

There were still a few others who got dividends

The following received dividends for acting on a committee upon which it was their duty to serve without remuneration as members of the Legislature:

A. V. Bourcier received	\$1,296.00
Mrs. Gostick received	1,280.00
Dr. Robinson received	1,264.00
They got expenses too of	314.05

Total dividends for these\$4,154.05

**Here are the Little Boys who might have
kept on Insurgng had they not got some-
thing in the way of a dividend—**

G. L. MacLachlan F. M. Baker A. J. Hook
S. A. Berg Dr J. L. McPherson

AND THE EXPERTS

L. D. Byrne G. F. Powell

The Social Credit Star Boarders

The Social Credit Board was appointed in 1937. Its members were G. L. MacLachlan, F. M. Baker, Dr. J. L. McPherson, S. A. Berg and W. E. Hayes. The latter is deceased and his place has not yet been filled on the Board. Mr. Berg retired and was replaced by Mr. A. J. Hook.

The following amounts are the totals of indemnities, and special hand-outs, and expenses in connection with the Social Credit Board. The average of 1938 and 1939 has been taken in computing the approximate amounts they will receive up to March 31st, 1940.

These fellows **did** get dividends.

Mr. G. L. MacLachlan got	\$22,306.27
Mr. F. M. Baker got	15,223.13
Dr. J. L. McPherson got	12,145.60
Mr. S. A. Berg and Mr. A. J. Hook got	14,499.00

THE EXPERTS' DIVIDENDS

Mr. L. O. Byrne got	\$19,499.00
Mr. G. F. Powell got	7,969.19

Instead of the people getting dividends, they paid dividends to those who promised to pay dividends to all.

Instead of dividends the people got reduced purchasing power, lower prices, higher debt, higher taxation and a lot of baseless excuses.

It paid Mr. MacLachlan to "insurge" in 1937. It will pay the people of Alberta to "insurge" NOW!

What politician ever offered as large a promise as \$120,000,000 a year?

What other politician ever paid so little of his promise?

● **Interest-Free Loans.**

Says Mr. Manning on August 2nd, 1935—

We will "issue to all bona fide producers, interest-free credit loans to enable them to meet the necessary expense involved in the process of producing and marketing goods." Or listen to the Manual on page 23—

"In order that credit may be adequate to provide and distribute goods, the state must be prepared to issue credit without interest to bona fide producers and distributors".

Result:

Not one single bona fide or any other citizen has received a loan of as much as one dollar of interest-free credit loans since Social Credit was elected.

MORE ATTRACTIVE PROMISES

A Just Price

On page 19 of the Social Credit Manual we read—

“An automatic price control system will be introduced to fix a just price at which goods and services will be available.”

Mr. Manning said on April 23rd (should have said it on April 1st) 1935:

“In the event, however, of the world price being lower than the fixed just price, the farmer would secure his just price at once. The grain company would export the wheat at the world price and the state would reimburse the company sufficient to cover the difference.”

Then we have the following gem on June 15th, 1935:

Aberhart—“Manning, tell me, do you think these farmers . . . understand the Just Price?”

Manning—“Yes, I think so. At any rate they have been told again and again that all their goods and products will be sold above the cost of production, giving them a commission on their turnover.”

What Were the Results?

You did not get a commission on your turnover? No! You got turned over on your commission.

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You did not get an “automatic price”, but you did get automatic talk.

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Is the price of gasoline a just price?

● ● ●

Is the price of wheat a just price?



Is the price of farm machinery a just price?
If not—why not?

**Surely it was not into the lying den that
the prophet Daniel went.**

● PRIVATE DEBTS

Here was how Mr. Aberhart was going to reduce private debt. He said on June 28th, 1935—

“Farmers will be much better able to settle their debts after Social Credit is introduced, inasmuch as it guarantees to them a commission on turnover and also they will receive the basic dividend monthly.”

The unemployed as well as the debt-ridden farmers still await after five years—this “First and Great Action.”

**New promises of the Social Credit government
still continue—the Results have not yet begun.**

We Demand Results

The Social Credit government was elected to reduce debt by paying commissions and giving dividends, and not to pass abortive debt legislation.

But as an excuse for absolute failure to reduce debt in the manner promised the government gives us in “The Records Tell the Story”, an imposing array of impotent acts of legislation.

HERE IS THE LIST—

- (1) Reduction and Settlement of Debts Act.
This neither reduced or settled any debt.
- (2) Home Owners Security Act.
This secured not a single home.
- (3) Debt Adjustment Act.
This adjusted no debt.
- (4) Limitation of Actions Act.
This Act only revealed the limitation of the government's action.

These Acts all were abortive and found the proper place in the waste paper basket.

Public Debt

How did Mr. Aberhart propose to reduce Public Debt?

Here was his proposal on April 21st, 1935—

“Sell bonds to our citizens so that the debt can be liquidated.”

Again answering his own question, “How we would get free of public debt?” On page 53 of the Social Credit Manual, he said:

“The first step would be to transfer . . . the foreign debt into a domestic one, so that all payments toward its liquidation would constantly circulate within the bounds of our province.”

Was ever such idiocy proposed?

For even if Alberta people had had enough savings to have bought out the foreign bonds, that money would have been at once removed from the province and would be circulating through his famous blood stream somewhere else.

Our citizens were not offered any Alberta bonds held by foreigners. Our citizens bought no bonds of Alberta. But their own bonds were tightened.

Public Debt Has Been Increased

In "The Records Tell the Story" the government says—

"The Social Credit regime has reduced the public Alberta debt". And quotes \$3,000,000 as the amount reduced.

How could public debt have been reduced when the government has defaulted on every bond that has come due since taking office, and since there has been no refunding?

It has been said that—

**FIGURES DO NOT LIE
LIE.
BUT
LIARS SOMETIMES
FIGURE.**

Before giving the facts about the public debt it should be said that when a debtor ignores any part of his legal debt which he desires to ignore he can make

up his account to show any degree of reduction he desires, or he may make his account balance by leaving out all his legal debts. This is the method followed by the Aberhart government. By defaulting interest payments of \$9,000,000 he tries to persuade the people that the interest has been paid, while two courts have already decided that that \$9,000,000 is a legal commitment. Therefore public debt has been increased by that \$9,000,000 of unpaid interest.

But leaving the \$9,000,000 defaulted interest out of the account for the present the Aberhart government has increased the public debt by \$4,953,036.55.

Government bookkeeping recognizes Public Debt under two classifications, namely: **“Actual Debt”** and **“Dead Weight Debt”**.

“Actual Debt” includes every sort of legal commitment including bonded or unbonded debt and guarantees.

“Dead Weight Debt”, while including all legal commitments, bonded and unbonded debts and guarantees, does not include commitments that are **offset** by **assets**.

Here are examples of commitments that are not and should not be included in the Dead Weight Debt.

EXAMPLE—The Alberta government guaranteed the Wheat Pool accounts. But that did not add to the Dead Weight Debt because the Wheat Pool has paid every commitment and because it has assets pledged by the government to cover the guarantee.

Another example—

The \$5,000,000 asset due the government for the Northern Railway would offset \$5,000,000 Dead Weight Debt.

Now here is the point to be noted in respect to "Actual" and "Dead Weight" Debt. A reduction in Actual debt made possible by realizing on Assets cannot be regarded as a reduction of debt due to any action of the Aberhart government. When the Wheat Pool paid its annual instalment according to its agreement the "Actual Debt" was reduced by that amount, but it was the Wheat Pool and not the government that must be credited with that reduction.

It is therefore the reduction of the Dead Weight Debt against which there are no realizable assets that counts. It is by this test that the efficiency of governments must be measured.

The following figures may be verified from the Public Accounts.

Dead Weight Debt

1935	1938
\$125,673,578.94	\$130,626,414.47
Increase equals \$4,953,036.55	

But if we add the \$9,000,000 defaulted interest which is still a legal debt the Dead Weight Debt increase would be **\$13,953,036.55.**

Judge a Government by Results

We charge that "The Records Tell the Story" tells an absolute falsehood on page 11.

In order to cover up an enormous increase in revenue the Aberhart Truth Tellers subtract the gross income of 1935 from the net income of 1939 which gives a falsehood for which there is no excuse.

"The Records Tell the Story" says on page 11—

"The Budget

1939-40 versus 1935-36

Income Account Revenue, 1939-40\$18,818,745.00

Income Account Revenue, 1935-36 16,575,151.00

Increase\$2,243,594.00"

The above figures when verified from official records, prove that the gross income of 1936 was compared with the net income of 1939.

The following are the correct figures and we will pay \$100 award to any one who proves them false.

This is what "The Records Tell the Story" should have said if the government were as anxious for the people to know the truth as it made itself out to be.

The Budget
1939-40 versus 1935-36

Total Gross Income 1939	\$24,269,817.40
Total Gross Income, 1935	15,696,770.48

Increase . . . \$8,573,046.92

Or else

Total Net Income, 1939	\$18,818,745.00
Total Net Income, 1935	13,604,303.00

Increase . . . \$5,214,442.00

Did "The Records Tell the Story" deliberately falsify the budget comparison or did its authors make a mistake? Which?

Higher Taxation

According to the Social Credit Manual, page 53—
"Taxation would be at once reduced under Social Credit." This is how Mr. Aberhart kept his word.

In 1935 every man, woman and child in Alberta was taxed \$20.47. In 1938 after Mr. Aberhart's "trying" regime, every man, woman and child paid \$31.22 in taxes.

Here are the Facts.

Blessed is he who knows a fact when he meets it.

Taxation Increases by the Aberhart Government

- (1) The Social Service Tax was substituted for The Supplementary Revenue Tax, and a 50 per cent increase in taxation was imposed.

In spite of reduced valuation in land values owing to the depression this tax increase brought in \$1,394,078 in 1938 against \$827,128 in 1935.

- (2) Increase in Income Tax ranging from 200 per cent to 20 per cent increase.

Everyone will agree except the Big Shots, that income tax should be increased. But every one will disagree except the Big Shots, that the increase should be greatest on those with the highest incomes.

Mr. Aberhart increased taxation much more on the lower, than on the higher incomes, thus pleasing the Big Shots.

Mr. Aberhart increased the tax on those with small incomes by 200 per cent.

Those who had a taxable income of \$1,000 and less than \$2,000 paid the 200 per cent increase.

But those Big Shots who had incomes of \$14,000 to \$15,000 a year were increased only by 20 per cent.

INCOME TAX

Revenue

1935
\$377,971

1939
\$1,300,000

There are not many Big Shots in Alberta. And since those who are here were asked to pay only 20 per cent more on their income, it therefore follows that the increase in income from this tax in 1939 of nearly \$1,000,000 was paid by the poor people of small taxable incomes.

This Record Tells the Story—

5,000 paid income tax on incomes of \$750 to \$1,000.
7,000 paid income tax on incomes of \$1,000 to \$2,000.
Only 150 people paid income tax on \$10,000 or over.
And they paid 180 per cent less than those who had an income of \$1,000.

Would a Cabinet Minister with \$10,000 income pay 200 per cent or 20 per cent increase in income tax?

(3) Tax on automobile drivers and truck drivers was increased by nearly 2,000 per cent.

1935—This tax brought in \$7,151.75.

1939—This tax brought in \$131,182.00.

The Drivers License Tax was paid by the great bulk of the poor people of the province and not by the Big Shots.

Mr. Aberhart calls this a Reduction in Taxation?

- (4) The Sales Tax was a new Social Credit tax and therefore an absolute increase in taxation during the government's term of office.

The Sales Tax took \$1,616,384.44 out of the pockets of the poor people of Alberta.

The Sales Tax was an increase in taxation which the people remember but the government is anxious to forget.

Protests from the public made the government abolish the Sales Tax.

Some of the best things done by the Aberhart government have been the undoing of some of the things that it did.

The Aberhart Government claims that corporations are paying the increase in taxation.

That claim is false.

A tax on a corporation or business passes into prices and is paid by the consumer without his knowledge. Also apparently without Mr. Aberhart's knowledge.

Income tax is about the only tax which cannot be passed on to the consumer. Is that why the Aberhart government increased the tax so little on the Big Shots and so much on the Little Shots?

Aberhart has increased taxation tremendously.

JUDGE A GOVERNMENT BY PROMISES FULFILLED

1935

1940

You shall have your Cultural Heritage.

Big Shots have received more oil, coal, minerals than was given by any other government.

You shall have Dividends.

Purchasing power has been decreased by low wages, poor prices for farm products and high taxation. No one but the Cabinet and a few favorites got dividends.

You shall have Interest-Free Loans

The people are unable to obtain any loans for love or interest.

You shall have a Just Price.

Farm products are below production costs while manufactured goods are at war time prices.

You shall have Dividends with which to pay private debt.

There are no Dividends and private debt is still a burden.

Public Debt shall be paid by selling bonds to ourselves.

No bonds have been sold to us and public debt has increased.

Your taxes shall be reduced and shall finally vanish.

Taxes have been increased well over 50 per cent and were never as high in the history of the province as they are now.

Keep Your Word

A Government in a Democracy must keep faith with the people, or Democracy will perish.

For a people to be bamboozled as Albertans have been by Social Credit, while fighting a war for Democracy in Europe is absurd.

Here is what Mr. Aberhart, our Premier, had to say on this matter August 11, 1935:

"What slippery and iniquitous scheming, lying and slander is found to be used to gain the highest position in our land. If we elect men of such a character to the highest position of honor in our land, then in the name of common sense let us not complain if the province has to hang its head in shame as the newspapers of the world record the deeds of our governors and government. Let us not murmur or even utter a cry of shame when we are called upon to suffer privation and want in the midst of plenty."

After the story which the Records tell we are bound to say that the Premier's own words have more force than ever. . .

"What slippery and iniquitous scheming, lying and slander is found to be used to gain the highest position in our land."

Then on July 14th, 1935, Mr. Aberhart said—

"You know the day is almost gone when people's word is as good as their bond. This day of repudiation of debt; repudiation of contracts; refusal to do what has been promised to be done. Social Creditors should always have fidelity as one of your key words. You must

be faithful to your word. Your word must be as good as your bond. If you have a debt you must face that debt. You must not repudiate?"

Alberta bonds have dropped to about 50 per cent of their value and yet they are better than some people's words.

**"You must be faithful to your word",
said Mr. Aberhart.**

**Did he not give his word that the people should have—
have—**

Their Cultural Heritage;
\$25.00 a month Dividend;
Interest-Free Loans;
A Just Price;
Reduction of Private Debts;
Paying of Public Debts;
Reduction in Taxation.

**In face of the facts, just how much is the
Premier's word worth?**

**Costs of Government have been Vastly Increased since
Aberhart came to Power.**

For example—

Legislation cost \$5,300.42 more in 1939 than in 1935.

And most of the Legislation passed went into the waste paper basket.

General government cost \$451,932.11 more in 1939 than in 1935.

In spite of all the so-called re-organization it cost nearly half a million more to govern us much worse.

Miscellaneous cost \$24,894.07 more in 1939 than in 1935.

Just who is Miscellaneous? And why?

Administration of Justice (the Premier's own department) cost \$15,655.67 more in 1939 than in 1935.

Increased costs of government in 1939 amounted to half the entire revenue of the province in 1935. What has the government to show for these expenditures?

Did Mr. Aberhart promise to give Recall legislation?

Did he keep his word.

On August 18th, 1935 he said—

“We are introducing the right of recall. So if we fail to do all we hope to do, you can take us out. We will not be allowed to wait till the moon is full before we call an election.”

The Recall Act was duly passed. It was the hardest recall act in the world under which to recall anybody. It demanded 65 per cent of the voters to sign a paper before recall proceedings could be started with a \$200 fee.

After the Act was passed there was much boasting and every member felt quite safe. They could therefore boast of passing a recall Act without any likelihood of being recalled. After the Act was passed the Premier indicated that all that was necessary to recall him was to wiggle a little finger.

But in spite of the difficulties of recalling a member under the Recall Act, the people in the Premier's riding decided to institute recall proceedings.

It looked like they might be successful.

Then followed the most cowardly thing in the whole history of British governments. The Act was repealed.

Did the Premier Keep His Word?

SOME NOTABLE TWISTING

Mr. Manning said on April 26th, 1935—

“Regular payments of monthly dividends will enable our people to buy”, etc., etc.

Page 8 of “The Records Tell the Story” says that the way to solve the “inequities of the financial system is by co-operative marketing.”

The U.F.A. was and is the champion of co-operative marketing but Aberhart laughed at that in 1935.

Mr. Manning said on April 26th, 1935—

“No amount of blasting our way into foreign markets could overcome the difficulty”, until the people got dividends.”

But on page 27 of “The Records Tell the Story” we are told that—

If we improve the quality of our meat products we shall obtain a wider market.

What would have happened at one of Mr. Aberhart's meetings in 1935 if some one had proposed co-operative marketing, as a means of solving the inequities of the financial system and improved quality of products as a means of selling more goods?

Mr. Aberhart said on June 11th, 1935—

“The development of the industries is the very thing which destroys business. There will be still more

goods piled up on the shelves; there will be still less purchasing power."

But on page 26 of "The Records Tell the Story" we have the following in a box just like this—

"More industries will provide remunerative work and reduce the number of unemployed."

It takes a prophet to make a twist like that.

And as to unearned increment, the only unearned increment which Alberta has heard about since 1935 is the salaries of Cabinet Ministers and the payments made to the members of the Social Credit Board.

EDUCATION

The educational department in Alberta has been better administered than ever before, because the Minister of Education was too busy making speeches and taking trips to the Coast to attend to it.

For this reason there have been welcome changes in the curriculum, but there progress virtually ends.

The enlarged school district while having merits was bungled badly.

- (1) It was introduced in a Nazi fashion which people resent.
- (2) The way was paved in the set-up for the worst sort of political patronage and bureaucracy.
- (3) Contrary to promises the enlarged district turned out to be more expensive than the smaller units.

- (4) The farmers who are already over-taxed cannot bear the increased burden.
- (5) The government failed to meet the increased costs of its own project although its net income has been increased by over \$6,000,000, thus leaving the municipalities to bear the brunt of the new school districts.

In 1935 the government spent 13.11 cents out of every dollar in education. The Aberhart government with \$6,000,000 more revenue spent only 12.73 cents out of every dollar in education.

Unless the Central governments take a greater share of the financial responsibility the enlarged school districts will fail. The municipalities cannot stand up beneath the extra burden.

On December 31st, 1938, unpaid salaries due to the teachers amounted to \$273,000. Would it not have been better to pay the teachers than to have started the Treasury Branches?

WASTE

The Social Credit government voted by special warrant nearly half a million dollars, contrary to the Special Warrant provisions, and every penny of that was wasted. And being voted by Special Warrant the representatives of the people in the Legislature were not permitted to even discuss the expenditures.

MORE WASTE—

The Social Credit Board started out with \$150,000 and has been voted \$50,000 each year thereafter.

In 1939 patronage in the Civil Service cost \$583,882.42.

Printing registration forms under the Social Credit Measures Act (another fizzle) cost \$8,294.84.

Prosperity certificates (another fizzle) cost \$17,-016.66.

Special advisers in 1937 (another fizzle) cost \$4,-041.51.

Trade Commissioner's office, Montreal (another fizzle) cost \$2,043.64.

Social Credit Act, 1938 (another fizzle) cost \$52,113.01.

Establishment of Treasury Branches in 1938 (another fizzle) cost \$69,327.

Social Credit Realization Act (still unrealized) cost \$52,150.00 in 1939.

Treasury Branches (another fizzle) will have cost by March 31st, 1940 about \$600,000. This includes—establishment of branches, \$69,327; from income account, \$239,500; from capital account, \$28,335; building in Edmonton, \$37,700; administration expenses, \$200,000; building in Calgary, \$56,000.

“Public Relations” which is a fancy name for government propaganda cost \$37,634.25 for nine months and \$22,000 extra voted by Special Warrant.

If all this waste had been expended on education the Large School Units might have been a success. But politics is of greater concern than education with the present government.

Our educational system still requires—

(1) Free text books and equipment in public schools;

- (2) The removal of inequalities of opportunity between urban and rural children;
- (3) Free High School tuition;
- (4) Free University courses for all who qualify.

HEALTH

What a pity that performance should so completely wreck the predictions of the prophet!

Mr. Aberhart said on August 20th, 1935—

“A vote for Social Credit means a new era of freedom for youth; a province of happy comfortable homes where the cheery laugh of the children will be heard on every side. We shall abolish poverty.”

● ● **BUT ALAS IN 1938—**

—THAT WAS THE YEAR ● ●

When Dr. Cross the Minister of Health told the people of Alberta over CJCA on February 10th that there were “1200 people who died in Alberta every year who could be saved if the proper medical attention” were available, but that the attention was not available because of lack of money.

THAT WAS THE YEAR when Dr. Cross said—

From 50 to 75 per cent of the children of the province required dental services; that 20 per cent of them had diseased tonsils; that 300 of them died each year for lack of efficient medical care.

We could not hear the “happy laugh of the children” because of toothache, tonsils, adenoids, and 300 of them stopped laughing forever.

But that was the year—that the Travelling Clinic grant was cut to half the amount paid by the previous government.

Here are the figures from the Public Accounts—

March 31, 1936, Travelling Clinic	\$19,938.19
March 31, 1938, Travelling Clinic	8,580.36
March 31, 1939, Travelling Clinic	9,961.10

Many children stopped laughing happily when this grant was cut in half.

But that was the year—

When the M.L.A.'s increased their salaries by \$200.00 each.

\$12,000 a year more for M.L.A.'s and nearly \$12,000 less for the health of the children. No wonder they stopped laughing.

Health services in Alberta are a disgrace to a civilized people when taken in conjunction with the advance in medical science.

If more money is needed for Education and Health, why does not Mr. Aberhart get busy and monetize a billion barrels of oil. If he could do that so easily before the election, what is sticking him now?

He said on September 14th, 1934—"Why should not the authorities of Alberta advance the credit itself for education and health". The **only answer** is that the present government is a government of effete politicians.

**That seems still to be the ONLY
ANSWER.**

Read the following as a sample of what Mr. Aberhart won the last election on.

PREPARE TO SOB.

It was on April 28th, 1935 when he got this off:

"A friend of mine was telling me up the country there, that he came across a woman and two children. And he said she had such a worn-out looking face. Hope was gone. The two little ones were poorly dressed. They were half sobbing and half crying at her knee and she hadn't anything to give them. And this man gave her something and he said, 'Lady, have you ever heard of Social Credit?' She hadn't. He says, 'when we get Social Credit in this country we'll guarantee that your children will not be hungry. They won't cry any more. But you will be properly looked after, fed, clothed and sheltered.' And her eyes brightened up a little bit, and she said 'oh-ho' and then the tears streamed down her face."

Poor woman. The tears must still be streaming, and she must be quite tired of oh-hoing!

LABOR

Mr Manning said on April 23rd, 1935—

“Under Social Credit there will be no relief or dole in Alberta.”

Here are the facts from the Bureau of Statistics,
Ottawa.

Alberta Relief Recipients

Total Number Receiving Assistance:

February, 1935	46,353
March, 1936	63,232
March, 1937	86,448
March, 1938	74,639
February, 1939	72,221

After four years of office Mr. Manning had 25,868 more people on relief and the dole than there were when he and his government took over.

Three whole pages of "The Records Tell the Story"
are devoted to Labor.

Aberhart prates—"The Laborers are worthy of their hire. But who would ever have thought so after thinking of wages paid in Alberta and of those who did not get a chance to work for wages?"

In 1938 there were 1,968 evasions of the Minimum Wage Act and the Department refused to take action. Yea verily "the Laborers are worthy of their hire."



As to hours of Labor the Department permits 12-hour shifts instead of a six or eight hour day. The National Employment Commission found that 2,570 employees in Alberta are working 55-60 hours per week, and that 657 employees are working over 60 hours a week. Yea verily, "the workers are worthy of their hire."



Under the Labor Disputes Act applications for Boards have been delayed and refused to the detriment of the workers and their statutory rights.



Tradesmen are required to pay fees and register under the Tradesmen's Qualification Act, but the Department does not assume any responsibility for the enforcement of the Act.



The Industrial Standards Act permits evasion of other Labor legislation by those registered under it.

The Arbitration Act practically takes away from Labor its right to strike, since 10 weeks must elapse before a strike can be called.

In 10 weeks a contractor that was unfair to Labor might complete the building in connection with which the strike was proposed.

**"YEA VERILY THE LABORERS ARE
WORTHY OF THEIR HIRE"**

The Workmen's Compensation Act was much worse after the government revision of it, than it was before.

**Production increased in value 16 per cent. Amount paid out in wages increased 10 per cent.
Yea! verily, the workers are worthy of their hire.**

And as to industry, the government has only started two so far as we know. They are—

- (1) The Brooks Factory which sank with \$10,000 of government money aboard.
- (2) The Treasury Branches which have wasted hundreds of thousands of the peoples taxes for nothing.

No Benefits To Farmers

“The Records Tell the Story” says that farmers were greatly benefited under the Aberhart government because there were exchanged 600 bulls, 700 boars, and some pedigreed cockerels.

And because—

**Many grasshoppers
were liquidated;**

And because—

**1,313,098 gophers
were slain;**

And because—

**88,449 crows
were croaked;**

And because—

**88,449 magpies
were butchered;**

And because—

**291,110 magpie eggs
were smeared;**

And because—

**Wolves and Cougars were
dispatched in great numbers.**

**In fact the only pests the government did not
destroy were the Cabinet and the Social Credit
Board.**

To read of all the "Benefits to Farmers" recorded in "The Records Tell the Story", must make the Alberta farmers feel rich.

But the facts end any dream of opulence which may disturb their sleep o'nights.

Their Taxes are Higher;

Their Income is Lower;

They Have no Just Price for Wheat;

No Just Price for Live Stock;

No Just Price for Groceries;

No Just Price for Machinery;

No Just Price for anything.

The farmers' private debts are still on their backs; public debt has been increased; taxes have been increased; and there are no dividends and no interest-free loans.

The Big Shots' Picnic

Here are the government's own figures taken from pages 35, 37, 38 and 42 of "The Records Tell the Story".

The progress of the Big Shots getting our oil told in barrels:

In 1935 they got—**1,263,750**

—BUT—

In 1938 they got—**6,742,639**

Therefore the Big Shots got 5,478,385 more barrels of our oil from Mr. Aberhart in 1938 than they got from the U.F.A. government in 1935.

Progress of the Big Shots in getting our natural resources is told in acres on page 36 of "The Records Tell the Story."

Petroleum and Natural Gas Lands

In 1935 the Big Shots got

29,160 acres

In 1938 the Big Shots got

1,304,346 acres

The Big Shots got 1,275,186 acres more of our Cultural Heritage from Mr. Aberhart in 1938 than they got from the U.F.A. government in 1935.

This is what Henry George meant by "Progress and Poverty".

Now for the Income to the Provincial Treasury from the Barrels of Oil and Acres of Petroleum Lands.

Income from Lands and Mines in 1935 was—

\$646,528

In 1939 it was—

\$1,155,088

Increase in Barrels of Oil in 1938—433 per cent.

Increase in Acres of Petroleum Land—4,372 per cent.

Increase in Revenue—78 per cent.

**Why would not the Big Shots want to
keep this government in office?**

Why does the Government not take the people's
oil from the Big Shots?

Think what would happen if the value of all those
millions of barrels of oil was poured into the "Blood
Stream".

**That should have been enough to keep
prosperity circulating abundance from
the heart of our Cultural Heritage for
ever and ever.**

**But the Big Shots "Monetized" our Heri-
tage and got all the Dividends.**

We cannot re-elect a government which solemnly promised to bring prosperity and economic security to all, through the most fantastic fairy stories ever uttered in any campaign, just because it has carried on the mere routine of administration.

When a man puts out to sea to catch a large whale, he is not impressive when he returns with a bucket full of minnows.

The Social Credit government pushed off from the shores of scarcity five years ago, obligated to catch the great whale of abundance.



Now that government returns to boast that it is a killer of gophers, a destroyer of crows and magpies; that it has been an excellent exchange for Bulls, Boars and Cockerel Sires.

But these were not the RESULTS for which the people voted in 1935.

It is not only disappointing but ludicrous that they should return with such minnows after having "Sailed On, Sailed On" to capture the leviathan of prosperity for all.

Judgment must be passed on the Aberhart government in accordance with the extent to which it has fulfilled its pledges to the electorate.

That is democracy and that is the thing for which the British are now fighting and dying.

The Legacy

We are not concerned with the Legacy which it is alleged the present government got from previous governments.



Here is the Legacy which Mr. Aberhart and his associates claimed they would have if they were elected—

Social Credit Manual, page 5, says—

“Total estimated potential wealth of Alberta \$2,406,000,000 or an income of \$3,518 per person.

That was a good legacy. But according to Mr. Aberhart it was very much greater than that.

On August 2nd, 1937, he said: “Our technical experts after careful investigation confirm that the productive value of our natural resources is easily three times the Dominion estimate. They place it at \$7,900,000,000.”

He further said it would take 3,600 years to exhaust half of Alberta's coal reserves at the present rate of production;

“That there were 35,000,000,000 barrels of gasoline in Alberta tar sands, enough to supply the world's demand for 100 years.”

And that—

“The 10 per cent royalty paid on that by the Big Shots would give Alberta over \$3,000,000,000 or 25 times the amount of our provincial debt.”

This was Mr. Aberhart's own estimate of just a small part of the “Legacy” which he inherited.

What could a good man with a fountain pen do with \$7,900,000,000 worth of Legacy?

And yet despite all that we have—

Higher debts;

Higher taxation;

Lower purchasing power;

Greater unemployment.

“They Hindered Us”

Either Mr. Aberhart was wrong about his authority, or else he discovered that Social Credit was too silly to try.

It is useless to seek excuses in the face of these declarations.

For if he had authority and if the province had authority over her own credit, then no power on earth could stop Social Credit in Alberta except the government. But if Mr. Aberhart did not have the authority he claimed, nor the province the control over credit that he claimed, then he should have resigned and apologized to the public for his mistake.

"But they all with one consent began to make excuse."

"They Hindered Us"

This is the Great and Final Excuse: **"THEY HINDERED US"**.

What is the use of re-electing a government which admits it can be hindered?

What is the use of re-electing a government which could only repeat its expensive and demonstrated failures.

If the government WAS hindered last time, it will be hindered next time. Why then have a next time?

Prostituting Religion

If patriotism be the last resort of a scoundrel, whose resort is it who uses the most sacred religious beliefs for political purposes that have been demonstrated to be false.

On April 19th, 1935, Mr. Aberhart said—

“God can and will work even a miracle to bring His people into the place of joy and prosperity. Is that not a message for all believers in Social Credit?”

On July 7th, 1935, he said—

“Let us be at once assured that the God of Heaven is behind the great crusade that we see manifesting itself in our province.”

The unemployed, the debt-ridden farmers—the masses of the people have waited in vain for that miracle.

Printing Costs

Here is what "The Records Tell the Story" claims:

"40 per cent to 50 per cent Savings Effected".

"Total Savings about \$100,000 yearly".

And here is the TRUTH as revealed by page 221 of the Public Accounts of Alberta, 1935, and page 228 of the Public Accounts, 1939:

1939—Purchases, Printing, Stationery and Office Office Supplies \$213,759.28.

1935—Purchases, Printing, Stationery and Office Supplies, \$158,191.07.

INCREASED Cost of Printing, Stationery and Office Supplies, \$55,568.21.

The difference between "The Records Tell the Story" and the Public Accounts, is that the Provincial Auditor has to swear to the accuracy of the Public Accounts. Those who prepare the government propaganda are under no such compulsion.

We have followed the Trail of a Truth Twister through the pages of "The Records Tell the Story". All figures used can be verified from the Public Accounts which are the only official records.

**Either this pamphlet is lying or "The
Records Tell the Story" is false.
Don't judge until you have found the
facts for yourself.**

**THE TRUTH WILL MAKE YOU FREE OF THE
ABERHART GOVERNMENT.**



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